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Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member David Price
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Diaz-Balart and Ranking Member Price,

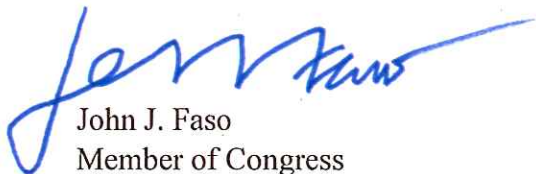
When you mark up the fiscal year 2018 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, I ask that you consider adequate funding for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

The NTSB plays a vital role in promoting the highest levels of safety for our nation's various modes of transportation. In this capacity, the NTSB investigates highway crashes, railroad incidents, maritime accidents, among other issues. In addition to its responsibility for investigation, the NTSB also conducts safety studies and evaluates whether other governmental agencies are effective in preventing transportation-related accidents.

Adequate funding for the NTSB's investigations and studies could not be more important. On April 4 there was a maritime accident on the Hudson River near the town of Catskill, NY, which is located within my district. A barge carrying gasoline ran aground, and luckily no member of the public or crew was injured, and no gasoline was leaked into the river. The NTSB plays an important role in ensuring that accidents like this do not happen in the future.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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